



# Boort District P - 12 School

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## VISION STATEMENT

**Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.**

**BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'**

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Acting in a Safe and Responsible Manner**



### DIARY DATES

#### **February.**

21<sup>st</sup> F-6 Swimming Program

21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Year 8 Surf camp.

23<sup>rd</sup> F-6 Swimming Sports

28<sup>th</sup> Y12 Look after your mates.

#### **March**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> School Fete**

1<sup>st</sup> Silver Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> Goldfields Y4-6 Swimming

6<sup>th</sup> School Photos

7<sup>th</sup> NCD Y7-12 Triathlon

11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday

12<sup>th</sup> LMR Swimming Swan Hill

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Otways Excursion

13<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN Testing.

### **Principal Report:**

#### **School Council**

Becoming an active member of School Council is a rewarding experience. It ensures students and parents contribute to and have a clear understanding of the direction and strategic planning of our school and I look forward to working with Councillors throughout 2024.

Each member of council serves for a two-year term before being eligible for re-election. Member's tenures expire each year, hence the need for annual elections.

Two separate electorates operate – one for the election of parent members and one for the election of DET (Department of Education & Training) employee members.

Any parent of a child enrolled at our school is eligible to stand for election as a parent member of Council (so long as the parent is not employed by DET at the College).

Candidates can choose to nominate using either,

- Self-nomination requiring the candidate's signature; or
- Nomination by an eligible person requiring the signature of nominator and candidate.

The Boort District School Council meet twice a term commencing at 7.00pm.

If you would like to nominate and join our school council or require further information, please contact our office on 5455 2201.

#### **Whole School Assembly**

Our school captains, Eliza, Lucy and Eddie did a great job in conducting our first whole school assembly last Friday. It was good to see several families at our assembly and I encourage families and/or community members to become involved or attend our upcoming assemblies throughout the year.

#### **Swimming**

Our Year F-6 swimming sports will be held this Friday at the Boort pool. Parents, carers and family members are encouraged to come along to cheer on their children.

Congratulations to all our Year 7 to 12 students who competed in the Inter School Swimming Carnival in St Arnaud yesterday. It was a great team effort to win the overall NCD Aggregate Shield and the Senior Age Group Champions.



Todd Woodfine  
Principal



## ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Boort District P-12 School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can. We now have 3 students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods and insect stings. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person's breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of them will experience a life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction.

### **Symptoms of food allergy can include:**

#### **Mild to moderate allergic reaction**

- Tingling of the mouth
- Hives, welts or body redness
- Swelling of the face, lips, eyes
- Vomiting, abdominal pain (note these are signs of a severe allergic reaction if the person has insect allergy)

#### **Severe allergic reaction – ANAPHYLAXIS**

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling or tightness in the throat
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

#### **9 foods cause 90% of food allergies. These foods are:**

- Egg
- Sesame
- Milk
- Soy
- Peanut
- Fish

- Tree nuts (cashew, almond, pistachio etc)
- Crustacea (prawns, lobster, crabs etc)
- Wheat
- Peanuts

Peanuts are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions, followed by tree nuts, shellfish, fish and milk. Adrenaline (epinephrine) is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via an injector. To learn more about anaphylaxis and food allergies, go to [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au) and [www.allergy.org.au](http://www.allergy.org.au) As the only way to manage a food allergy is avoidance, the school has implemented several strategies to help prevent a severe allergic reaction. We can never totally eliminate the risk of an anaphylaxis but we can all do things that will help lessen the risk. Please consider the child with food allergy when packing your child's lunch or when sending in food for any occasion, including school excursions.

**Regards: The staff at Boort District P-12 School**

## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

## Payment amounts

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**Please contact Vikki in the office if you would like an application form.**

## F-6 SWIMMING SPORTS

A reminder that the F-6 Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. All students will need to ensure they have bathers, rashies, towel, sun hats, drink bottle, sunscreen and lunch for the day.

Students are to arrive at school dressed in house colours and will be transported via bus to the swimming pool. Events for Year 4-6 students will commence at 9:15am and F-3 students at 11:30am. The day will finish at 3:15pm with bus travellers being picked up at the pool and returning to the school to commence bus runs. All other students will be dismissed from the swimming pool.

# SCHOOL FETE March 1st

Boort District School

## School Fete

Friday, 1st March

3:45 - 7:30pm

So many FREE & FUN activities. Bring family & friends!!!

**FREE:**  
 Laser tag  
 Rock climbing  
 Airbrush tattoos  
 Face painting  
 Safe archery  
 Jumping castle

Ice cream  
 Donuts  
 Pizzas  
 Baked Potatoes  
 BBQ  
 Market stalls

Arts & crafts  
 KIT Van  
 Boort Ambulance & CFA  
 Auctions  
 Raffles  
 Spinning wheel  
 Games & more!!!

WITH THANKS TO:

## Meal Options AT THE SCHOOL FETE

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
CASH OR EFTPOS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Boort District School    Friday 1st March    3:45-7:30pm

### Fete Roster 2024

	3.45pm	4.30pm	5.15pm	6pm
<b>Pizza Cook</b>		Potter	Potter	Potter
<b>Pizza Servers</b>	1	N & H Lanyon	N & G Malone	A & R Gawne
	2		S & A Muller	R & M Train
<b>BBQ COOKS</b>	1	F & R Cockerell	L & C Beattie	T Byrne
	2	G & G Zanker	B & K Arnold	K & C Hird
<b>BBQ servers</b>	1		M & C Scott	S & T MacIntosh
	2		F & M Hall	S & G Stringer
<b>Drink/Food Sales</b>	1	M Crilly	T Maher Toose	B & M Perryman
	2	K & B Haw	J & J Sutton	F & G Caine
<b>Cake Stall Drop Off</b>	<b>8.30-9am</b> Kelly Henderson	<b>2.30-3.30pm</b> Sherryn O'Flaherty		
<b>Friday Morning</b>				
<b>11am - 1pm</b>	Varlea McClelland	YR 8/9 Home Eco	H Chambers	S McNally
<b>Set Up 2pm</b>	S McNally	K Nelson	T Bird	K Gooding
<b>PICK UPS</b>				
Cool Room	K & B Henderson			
Butchers	K & S Lanyon			
Umbrellas	K & S Lanyon			
IGA	V & G McClelland			
Drinks	K & B Henderson			
<b>Auction 6pm</b>	C O'Flaherty	K & T Nelson		

Thank you for your support, please try and arrange a swap if the time doesn't suit you.

Any questions please contact Varlea 0409189591 or Kelly 0427280583

Presenting the first ever

# BDS WRITERS FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL, 2024

Featuring:



**Author:**  
Fleur Ferris





**Author:**  
Jack Henseleit





**Illustrator:**  
Chris Kennett



**Author:**  
Amy Doak



Leading up to the festival there will be writing competitions to enter with winners announced on the day.

More information to come.

## SRC Representatives 2024

At our first assembly for the year, the SRC representatives for 2024 were presented with their badges. The group will be led this year by Mia Braun, Lily Caine and Alex Cockerell, our Year 12 reps.

The full list of representatives:

Year 3 Kylah Bird, Luca Lanyon  
 Year 4 Tyla Hird, Ava Davidson  
 Year 5 Alisha Henderson, Connor McNally  
 Year 6 Korbyn Trinchi, Victoria Lanyon  
 Year 7 Emily Henderson, Henry Hawken  
 Year 8 Seth Muller, Alice Marsh  
 Year 9 Finlay Arnold, Owen Byrne  
 Year 10 Eliana Haw, Milly Scott  
 Year 11 Jasmine Twigg, Harry Malone  
 Year 12 Alex Cockerell, Mia Braun, Lily Caine



The first meeting was held last week and the group are already planning a range of activities for the year, and have been discussing suggestions for improvements around the School.

Ms Pickering and Mrs Byrne  
 SRC Coordinators

### Agribusiness in the Spotlight for Eliza

In the January holidays, Eliza Perryman along with five other Nutrien scholarship winners have been treated to a careers immersion at the Nutrien Bendigo office. Ex- Wedderburn local, Hayden Coombes gave a detailed tour of the office and merchandise. Nutrien then provided a careers panel which included Hayden Coombes, Teagen Welsh (Boort Manager) and Candice Cordy (Kyneton Manager). Each panel member had a diverse career journey but they all concurred about the importance of being punctual, enthusiastic, asking questions and taking opportunities. The day concluded with a formal ceremony where Jacinta Sutton (Careers Team Leader NCLLEN) and Vanessa Murphy (Nutrien Senior Talent Attraction Business Partner – North East Australia) presented students with their award which included a generous monetary amount to help them with their future studies. Congratulations Eliza

Susan Gould  
Agriculture Careers Project, NCLLEN



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 1/2	Sebastian H	For working together in a team.
	Esther B	For beautiful, fluent reading.
	Tyler S	For working hard on place value.
Year 4/5	Millie P	For working hard to use place value and number facts to solve Maths problems
	Marcie F	For working hard to complete her Integrated Studies research task
Year 5/ 6	Krystal H	For working very hard with addition
	Giacomo R	For his exceptional manners

## Senior PE

This term so far students in the senior PE classes have been very busy in our classrooms and also out in our practical spaces. Year 9/10 PE have been learning about fitness components, how they relate to certain sports and completing fitness testing as part of their training program that they will undertake. Students have completed twelve different fitness tests over the last two weeks.

VCE PE Unit 1 has been busy revising muscles and bones, relating these to anatomical movements, joints, muscle fibers and muscular contractions. Students have had the chance to apply these movements in a practical setting which strengthens their understanding of these concepts.

### **Year 7 – 12 Sports House Captains**



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The following students were nominated and voted by their sports team members to be the leaders of their team.

	<b>Male Captains</b>	<b>Female Captains</b>
<b>Wakooka</b>	Alex Cockerell and Jacob Clough-Fidler	Isabella Hosking and Kaitlin Broad
<b>Gungaroo</b>	Alex Chamberlain and Nick Scott	Guessey Ocaya and Jessica Minogue
<b>Maroochy</b>	Zak MacIntosh and Jett Hird	Tayla Gooding and Lily Caine

### **Year 7 – 12 House Swimming Sports**

What a fabulous day last Friday was! Thank you to everyone who came to support, and that was involved in our Year 7-12 House Swimming Carnival. The day began with our Year 12 cohort creatively entering and swimming a length of the pool, followed by some very close competitive races, loads of positive encouragement from the side of the pool and plenty of fun. It was wonderful to see everyone involved in the team novelty events and the day finished on a high with the team relays and the Year 12 students versus staff and some dads in a friendly but competitive game of Newcombe in the shallow end of the pool.

**Year 7 – 12 Results:** It will be interesting to see what the end result is after the F-6 swimming sports are held next week as there are not many points between first and second place.

***1<sup>st</sup> Maroochy 332 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wakooka 287 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gungaroo 193 points.***

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Group Champion on the day.**

**13 Years:**

Female Indi O’Flaherty (M)

Male: Seth Muller (W)

**14 Years:**

Female: Abby Potter (M)

Male: Chaise Hird (M)

**15 Years:**

Female: Bella Quinn (M)

Male: Owen Byrne (M)

**16 Years:**

Female: Phoebe Henderson (W)

Male: Luke Boyd (M)

**17 Years:**

Female: Mia Farrar (W)

Male: Sam Toose (W)

**18-20 Years:**

Female: Eliza Perryman (G)

Male: Jett Hird (M)





## NCD Swimming Sports

*Participation* is the 'word' to sum up our overall win at the NCD Swimming Sports in St Arnaud on Monday. Our team of swimmers turned up and swam their best to result in a win on the day of a close 6 points. First, Second and Third place results were plentiful, with fourth, fifth and six, still gaining points and it all adds up, and this year it earned Boort the overall shield. All students who attended should be very proud of the 'TEAM EFFORT'. BDS also took home the senior shield on the day. On a special note thank you to the students who swam to fill in a few spots due to student absence due to illness, this camaraderie and team spirit was another highlight of the day. School Captains -Eliza Perryman, Eddie Moresi and Lucy Malone received the shields and Eliza spoke on behalf of the school, thanking the St Arnaud pool for hosting, the staff, parent and student helpers and congratulated our team on their efforts. Students who placed first in their events are now invited to attend the Loddon Mallee Region carnival in Swan Hill on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the students who attended to support the swimmers, it was great to see you all cheering from the side of the pool. Special thanks to the following staff who undertook official carnival positions on the day; Mr Rowley official starter, Mr Grogan - stroke judge and Mr Hatcher – event marshal. Thank you to the staff who assisted with all the other jobs on the day and being a great support to our students. So many positives to take away from the day.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BOORT NETBALL CLUB INC.



We invite all interested players, both existing or new, to register for the upcoming netball season in 2024! Registrations are now open and we encourage you to click on the link below to get started.

- Senior players – born 2006 & onwards
- Junior players – born 2005 - 2014
- Net Set Go (born 2015 & younger)

*Season Launch – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – more details coming soon!!*

Any queries, please contact Roxy Train on 0423 383 264, or email [boortnc@gmail.com](mailto:boortnc@gmail.com)

<https://registration.netballconnect.com/appRegistrationForm>



Secret Agent Society  
Small Group Social-Emotional Learning




 What: Exciting social skills program for kids aged 8-12

 When: Saturday mornings

 Where: Bendigo (Strathdale)

 NDIS friendly

 Evidence-based intervention to support children with ASD, ADHD, anxiety and/or depression

 Benefits:

- Improved Social Skills- Emotional Regulation
- Effective Communication
- Teamwork
- Detection and expression of emotions
- Making and keeping friends

Learn more – [About SAS | Secret Agent Society](#)

Enquire or make a booking: [thesociallearningcollective@outlook.com](mailto:thesociallearningcollective@outlook.com)



**Cub Scouts** are boys and girls who belong to a **Pack** (7½-11 years) based on the Jungle book.

Their motto is **“Do Your Best”**. Cubs begin to learn leadership and teamwork in small teams called **Sixes**.

Cubs do cool stuff, make friends and can attend a **Cuboree** Camp (every 3 years) with hundreds of other Cubs.

**Scouts** belong to **Patrols** (10½-15 years) with the motto **“Be Prepared”**. Scouts do a lot of cool stuff, make friends and can attend a Jamboree (every 3 years) with hundreds of other Scouts. Jamboree’s are held in different parts of Australia.

**All Scout sections have fun, make friends and learn life long skills.**

As well as learning things like how to use a compass, go on bushwalks, bike trips, sailing, canoeing, ab-seiling and sometimes even flying!



## 1ST LAKE BOORT CUBS

Boort Scout Hall  
Godfrey Street, Boort

**1st  
Lake Boort  
Scout  
Group**



**CUB SCOUTS – Mon 4.00-5.30pm**  
**Contact: Garry Schmidt**  
**Ph. 0428 994 517**

**Scouts -  
Teaches Lifelong Skills**

**By joining  
Scouts, you can  
learn new  
things, explore,  
gain new skills,  
grow in self  
confidence &  
find new  
friends.**



All Scout sections are for boys  
and girls



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